

2009 Xeriscape Contest Residential Category Entry Checklist



You put a lot of work into your home landscaping, now is your chance to inspire others and become eligible to win great prizes!

ADWR and the Tucson Botanical Gardens are once again partnering on the Annual Xeriscape Contest for 2009. We are working together to promote the use of native and low-water-use plants, water conservation and to continue our commitment to resolving long-term water supply issues in the Tucson basin. The Xeriscape Contest serves as an educational tool to increase awareness of the beauty and ease of Xeriscape in the community. The contest showcases public and private landscapes by honoring people who design and implement these beautiful landscapes that demonstrate water efficiency, reduced costs and good maintenance practices.

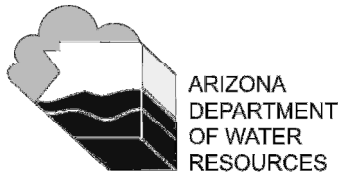
You will receive a free 1-year membership to the Gardens and subscription to Tucson Home Magazine, just for entering.

Eligibility: Any Xeriscape landscape in the greater Tucson area installed a minimum of 2 years, or has attained a mature look by using salvaged plants or larger nursery stock.

Not all of the following guidelines are required to enter the 2009 Xeriscape Contest. **However, winners will be selected based on their understanding and incorporation of Xeriscape principles in their yard**

Xeriscape Guidelines for Residential Entries

- Water conserving design with all turf, water intensive plants, pools and water features located in the Oasis zone.
- Plant selection including Sonoran and/or Chihuahuan desert native plants as part of the total of low-water, drought tolerant and non-invasive plants
- All plants should be zoned by water use and irrigated accordingly, preferably with trees on a separate valve from shrubs and groundcovers and low-water-use trees on a separate valve from high-water-use trees
- Irrigation ***must be*** efficient and based on plant types, soil types, seasonal water requirements, microclimates and other unique site conditions
- Incorporation of rainwater harvesting and/or gray water reuse for irrigation
- Use of mulch and/or soil improvement to retain moisture and reduce evaporation
- Demonstration of proper maintenance practices



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Entry Guidelines:

Each entry must be submitted by **Monday, March 23, 2009**. *The application form must be postmarked by March 23rd or dropped off by 4:30 p.m. at the Tucson Botanical Gardens; 2150 N. Alvernon Way; Tucson AZ 85712*

Each entry must include the following items:

- Completed **Entry Form**
- **Judge's Form** with top portion completed
- **\$10 check** payable to Tucson Botanical Gardens – 2009 Xeriscape Contest
- **Street map** with easiest route marked and written directions to the site.
- **Photos:** Submit a minimum of three (3) to a maximum of ten (10) digital photos on CD and saved at high resolution (1280 by 1024 pixels or 1.5 million pixels per photo minimum).
Note: 4 x 6 color prints are acceptable. However, digital photos are preferred for reproduction purposes.

Digital photos and CD must be separately labeled with:

1. Name and Address.
2. Before and after photos dated with year and from same spot, if possible

- **Entry Packet** containing:
 1. One-page description of the design intent (how you wanted to use the space and how you accomplished this) and any special design features such as water saving features, technologies used, innovative ideas or special considerations of the site.
 2. Plant list
 3. List irrigation water sources and components used, not all categories required, but list those used:
 - Drip/Spray systems:
 - a) Seasonal irrigation schedule
 - b) Controller
 - c) Number of zones
 - d) Special Features (rain sensor, seasonal schedule memory, water saver button, etc.)
 - Rainwater Harvesting (passive, active or combination system):
 - a) Swales, berms, basins (passive systems)
 - b) Type of cistern, storage capacity and method of distribution (active)
 - c) Source (roof, driveway, paving, patios, sidewalks, street diversion, etc.)
 - Gray Water Use for irrigation:
 - a) Source (clothes washer, sinks, tub, pools, air conditioner, etc.)
 - b) Retrofit of existing system or new construction gray water plumbing system stub-out
 - e) List mulches used, if applicable
 - f) List of any recycled products (salvaged plants, re-cycled or re-purposed building materials, etc)